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1. In rural areas of Hungary adjacent to the Yugoslav, Austrian, and Czechoslovakian frontiers, there were during the second week of November large raids against Jews, Socialists, suspected Titoists, and other "subversive" elements. These are supposedly designed to intimidate the local population, which, it is alleged, is disgruntled because of unfavorable economic conditions. Certain officials (not stated whether Russian or Hungarian) who recently arrived from Moscow are believed to have brought far reaching orders aimed at curbing the flow of émigrés from Hungary.\*
2. Well informed quarters expect a purge of the top ranks of the government and of the Communist Party within the next few days.
3. Soviet pilots have delivered to the Hungarian air force 25 jet fighters of Russian manufacture, also 100 jet bombers and 300 regular bombers. They have also delivered aircraft to Rumania.
4. The Russians, it is reported, are using political prisoners to build supply depots near Debrecen and at other points along the eastern border of Hungary.

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